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ATTN.: Examiner Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury
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COMMENTS:

In reference to the above-identified patent application, we are herewith submitting the following documents:

➤ Response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006

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In re: Application of PATTERSON, Stacey et al.

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Sir:

This response is in reply to the office action dated March 24, 2006 (the "Office Action"),
in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a
response due on or before April 24, 2006.

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